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1. On 18 June 1951, several residents of Rostock had to evacuate their homes for evacuees from Puetnitz. A total of 300 families had allegedly to leave Puetnitz. Their homes were to be occupied by construction laborers employed at Puetnitz airfield.

2. No aircraft were seen at Puetnitz airfield on 15 and 16 June. A detail of about 30 Soviet Air Force soldiers was stationed at the field. Four additional brick buildings were erected next to the temporary buildings of Bauunion Firm. No progress in the construction of the runway was observed.

3. Three hangars were seen at the field. The two southern hangars were closed. About noon on 15 June, fire broke out in the northern hangar, located in the woods. The fire department from Damgarten arrived. The approach road to the hangar ran through the barracks area of the field. This road was guarded. In the afternoon [REDACTED] the fire had broken out in a hangar of the Boddenwerft shipyard.

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4. On 29 June, there were no aircraft at the field. The hangars were closed. Construction work was continued. Some homes in Damgarten were being evacuated. The evacuated houses were allegedly to be occupied by air force troops and 600 skilled laborers to be employed by the Boddenwerft or at the airfield. *

* Comment. Improvement work is being done at the airfield. A runway of 2,800 meters is to be built. Except for an air force construction unit, no Soviet Air Force unit is stationed at the field. Improvement work is allegedly to be completed by the fall of 1951. From the present status of work, it seems doubtful that this date will be met.

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